# PAROWAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 11, 2015 PAROWAN CITY LIBRARY, 16 S. MAIN, 6:00 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Donald G. Landes, Councilmen Alan Adams, Troy Houston, Ben Johnson, Jay Orton, and Steve Thayer, City Attorney Justin Wayment, City Manager Shayne Scott, City Recorder Callie Bassett

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**PUBLIC PRESENT**: Aldo Biasi (City Public Works), Judy Schiers (City Treasurer), Todd Olsen, Cassi Orton, Nate Thayer, Dottie and Chuck Stade, Bob Whitelaw, Trexton Fife, Tom Jet

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Mayor Landes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**OPENING CEREMONIES/THOUGHT/PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – JAY ORTON:** Councilman Orton offered the invocation. He then led the Council and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DOES ANYBODY HAVE ANY CONFICTS OR PERSONAL INTEREST IN ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA WHICH NEEDS TO BE DECLARED? Councilman Houston declared a conflict with agenda item #9, Half Marathon Timing – Blue Dome Timing.

Mayor Landes turned the time over to City Recorder Callie Bassett for the swearing in of Councilman Jay Orton. (Agenda Item #5). Councilman Jay Orton was sworn in as a Councilman for the City of Parowan.

#### CONSENT MEETING

APPROVAL OF MINTUES (MAY 28, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING)
PURCHASE ORDERS/WARRANT REGISTER
TRAILS, ARTS, RECREATION, AND PARKS COMMITTEE MEMBERS – JARED
AND AMBER BURTON
FY2015 WRITE-OFFS
HALF MARATHON TIMING – BLUE DOME TIMING

Councilman Johnson moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Thayer seconded the motion with all council members voting in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

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Attorney Wayment arrived at 6:13 p.m.

# **ACTION MEETING**

WELL CONTRACT – BOWEN COLLINS, TODD OLSEN: Mr. Olsen is here to answer the Council's questions and concerns. Mr. Scott asked for clarification on the \$58,000 number and what it is for.

Mr. Olsen said there were essentially two contracts with Bowen Collins. The first was for the drilling of the well, which is complete. This is a separate contract that has two pieces. They did a preliminary design based on budgets of last fiscal year to work out the mechanical layouts with Kelly Stones and the operations guys to make sure the layout is what they like.

The design is to take the rest of the project – the building, the rest of the mechanical, the specifications - to a complete stage. They were asked to work directly with Kelly to come up with the scope of this next phase, so this \$58,000 fee also includes obtaining permits from the Division of Drinking Water, operations permits, cost estimates, a bid period phase putting this project out to bid to contractors and being able to answer their questions, issuing addendums, and then the last phase is construction period services. When this was put together it was estimated that the project would be constructed during Mr. Stones busy season (late summer), so he had asked them to put some time in for construction management. So there is time in there for them attend weekly progress meetings for the approximate 14 week construction period. These are the things that are included in this \$58,000 fee.

The Council discussed the inspection fees, access to the pump in the pump house, change orders, and the design and contract management phase of the project.

Councilman Johnson moved to approve the contract for the final design of the well house project with Bowen Collins upon a renegotiation of the construction period services with the City staff. Councilman Adams seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken as follows:

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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All Councilmen voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Scott added that we have a City employee in the audience who texted him and said that he feels the City can do a lot to get this thing done, for the record.

**ADOPT FY 2016 BUDGET:** Councilman Thayer moved to approve the FY2016 budget. Councilman Adams seconded the motion. Councilman Houston asked if the pay increase for employees was included. Mr. Scott said the 1.5% increase was included. Hearing no further discussion, all Council members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

**EMPLOYMENT APPLCIATION:** Mr. Scott said he contacted the ADA trainer, Mr. Golum, and had him look at the application. Mr. Golum suggested removing the question about the year the applicant graduated from high school, but leave in the education portion. He said to remove

questions about a felony. This can be asked about when a conditional offer of employment is given. He also suggested removing the question about the driver's license portion. Attorney Wayment suggested taking out the portion about speaking a second language.

Councilman Johnson moved to approve the employment application with the removal of the second language questions.

Mr. Tom Jet, a member of the audience, said he isn't aware of any place in the law that says you can't ask if an applicant is a felon. Councilman Wayment explained the situation Parowan City found itself in with the Department of Justice. Because of this, the City is making its application as simple as possible to avoid discrimination. The more probing questions can be asked once an applicant is offered a conditional offer of employment.

Councilman Thayer moved to approve the employment application. Councilman Thayer seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

**NEW CITY OFFICE SECURITY CONSULTANT AGREEMENT:** Mayor Landes said there are two proposals for a security consultant for the new City office. Councilman Houston asked about the license fees once a year. He asked what the ongoing annual costs would be with Stone Security. Councilman Johnson explained that there are annual software upgrade costs that are optional but recommended.

Mayor Landes said of the two proposals, one is \$20,000 more than the other. It is more of a "Cadillac" proposal, and he can't see why Parowan would need that much security at this time. Councilman Thayer asked if Southern Utah Alarm can build upon their system the way that Stone Security can. Mr. Scott said that they are able to do so. Councilman Johnson pointed out that this is a great opportunity to begin to engage that electronic access control. He said we will learn things from this that will help us get a better system in five to ten years as Parowan begins to grow. Attorney Wayment added that we need to make sure the infrastructure in the building is intact so that if we ever do want to expand the security system, the conduits will be in place and we won't have to tear out the walls.

Councilman Johnson moved to go forward with Southern Utah Alarm based upon the proposal they submitted. He recommended that they submit an RFI to Kim Campbell so it is included in the record drawing. Mr. Nate Thayer, a member of the audience, said Southern Utah Alarm will come and run their own conduit. Hearing no further discussion, Councilman Houston seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

**EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS PROPOSAL – HR MANUAL ALTERATION:** Mr. Scott wrote something up for the human resource that will make this a policy. He is going to take out "Parowan City" in the second line to make it more grammatically correct.

Councilman Adams moved to approve the Human Resource Manual alteration. Councilman Thayer seconded the motion, with all Council members voting in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

## WORK MEETING

**ANNUAL FEE REVIEW:** Mr. Scott made the following changes based on staff recommendations:

- They changed road base to \$6/per ton not \$65/load.
- Excavation permits are required when a building permit is pulled. Staff doesn't feel strongly about having this fee. The Council doesn't think there should be a fee.
- Council felt there should be a road cut fee. Councilman Johnson suggested on new roads, 0-3 years old, the fee should be \$250. Roads older than 3 years old, the fee should be \$25.00. Councilman Houston asked Mr. Tom Jet what the fees are in Cedar City. Mr. Jet said Cedar City charges based on the size of the area you are cutting. He asked if these fees would be general fund monies or if they would be allocated to a specific fund. Mr. Scott said the fees would go into the Class C Road fund.

The next fees discussed were the Wastewater and Sewer fees. Mr. Scott said at the last meeting they discussed the sewer district and some of the charges involved. One of the things that came up after the meeting that Mr. Scott wasn't aware of is there is concern on the part of staff about the difference between porta potty waste and septic tank waste. Porta potty waste is treated with something that is designed to kill bacteria. We do not want to kill bacteria out in our sewer lagoons.

Mr. Aldo Biasi, Parowan City Sewer Superintendent, spoke to this issue. He said during a previous administration, the City took the stance that it would not take porta potty waste in its sewer lagoons. He said that we are not a totally contained lagoon anymore, we do discharge out. But we are not set up to test for strength, so it is a risk killing the pond taking by taking the waste. The current stance is to not take porta potty waste. Councilman Johnson clarified then that the concern is not taking septic waste, just porta potty waste. Mr. Biasi said this was correct.

Attorney Wayment asked what a porta potty guy is supposed to do. The Mayor and Council said they need to take that waste to Cedar. Mr. Biasi said it isn't Parowan City's problem to handle that waste. Attorney Wayment said Parowan City requires a porta potty be on the site of each new home being built.

Mr. Biasi said we have never taken their waste and the issue has never really come up. Now, with the solar farm out in the valley, there is a big provider of waste and they need somewhere to hold it. Councilman Johnson said Cedar City has the capacity to take that waste. Mr. Biasi said that Cedar City has tanks and they have labs to test the waste. One of the issues that they do have is that they say the solar farms are in Parowan Valley and outside of their boundaries.

Councilman Johnson asked what the risk is. Mr. Biasi said if you take that waste, you could kill your pond. Mr. Scott asked what that meant. Mr. Biasi said it means your bacteria is gone. You have to dump more bacteria in to fix it.

Mr. Biasi said he does feel for these companies because they are trying to run a business. However, we are not set up to protect ourselves in this situation. Councilman Johnson asked if Cedar would take the waste, but at a higher rate. Mr. Biasi was told from Mr. Jett's partner that Cedar will no longer take the waste.

Mr. Jet asked if he could give clarification on this issue. He said that Cedar City will take waste from New Harmony to the Parowan Valley, and Cedar Breaks out to Beryl. He said Cedar City does process substantially different than Parowan and other small towns. Mr. Jet said it is an economic realty. Parowan has historically taken waste from outside of Parowan City but in a defined area – north of Enoch and south of Beaver, the west valley to Brian Head.

Mr. Jet said the weather cycle helps determine whether or not a chemical is put into a porta can. This chemical is methanol, which helps prevent waste from freezing. It is exactly what is added to windshield wiper fluid. He said it is used 1 cup methanol to 32 gallons of waste. He said from a chemical standpoint, you could drink it. It would not explode or kill. It burns off very fast, but it does help prevent the freezing of waste.

Mr. Jet said that Parowan City "will not stop the dumping of porta cans or septic tanks from this valley if you stop it from dropping into this porta can." He said someone will create a spot under the Utah Land Application Law right outside of the City limits, which he recalls are just barely on this side of the freeway. He said they will do this pursuant to Utah law. He said this isn't a very pleasant thought, and he doesn't think the people that live by it or are going to want to buy by it are going to think it is very pleasant. He said this isn't a threat. He's just saying if you don't give someone a place, they will find a place. He said he hopes the Council will consider this in their decision.

Councilman Thayer said if we accepted the waste would it be possible to treat the waste with bacteria before it goes into our sewer lagoons. Mr. Biasi said that we are not set up to do this. Mr. Jet said he can answer that. He said to kill the bacteria you must put in lye. They must put lye in waste to do land applications. It effectively sterilizes the ground and kills all of the bacteria. You do not want lye in your sewer lagoons.

Councilman Johnson said the question is can you treat the waste with bacteria so it doesn't kill the pond. Mr. Jet said he knows of nothing. The bacteria is in the waste. He said the amount of times a year that methanol is put in is only when it reaches a zero point. Waste usually doesn't freeze, due to the ammonias, unless it reaches zero degrees. Councilman Thayer pointed out that Mr. Biasi said that porta potty waste is put into the lagoons it would kill the good bacteria in the lagoons that eat the waste. He wondered if good bacteria could be added to the tank of waste that is going to be dumped so it doesn't affect the lagoon. Mr. Jet said you can probably add an additional bacteria to the load and mix it. He's not sure about the record keeping portion of that. But he said the amount of methanol in the waste is a non-issue because of the amount of times methanol is added to the waste in sub-zero temperatures. The rest of the time it is not added.

Councilman Johnson asked Mr. Scott if there has been any conversation with Cedar City to see if they would take the porta potty waste. He thinks it would be good for the Council to know in making decisions here. He asked if we could have that conversation with Cedar and see, if they are opposed to that, would they change their verbiage to allow them to come from Parowan. This would give them a place to dump and changes this conversation a little.

Mr. Jet said Cedar City will tell us no. He had a very long conversation with the director of the sewer treatment plant. Mr. Johnson said Mr. Scott has very good negotiating skills. Mr. Scott also suggested Mr. Biasi talk with them as a colleague. Mr. Johnson said he thinks it would be good to have the conversation and let them know our predicament. Mr. Jet said they do know Parowan's predicament. That's what he discussed with them for half an hour.

Mayor Landes said Parowan's predicament is only going to increase with the number of solar plants coming into the area. Attorney Wayment said he is aware of seven including the one here, but they are going into different areas not in our jurisdiction. Mayor Landes said that one is going in at the east end of the valley.

Mr. Biasi said we currently have two new homes being built in Parowan, so essentially two porta potties in town. The solar farm is in Iron County. It is not a Parowan City issue. The Council should take this into consideration. We are talking about 2 porta potties versus 1,000-2,000 gallons of waste a week from the solar farms. Even though we are talking about the Parowan City facility taking the waste, the solar farms are not in Parowan City. Mr. Jet said Mr. Biasi is correct, but to keep in mind that this is not a 20 year plant. It is a construction job site. They will be in and out in a short time.

Councilman Johnson said we still have an entity that says they will not take waste from Parowan. They will take it out of the county, yet the area they will take it from is bringing it to Parowan to dump. He wondered if there is a possibility of doing a permits for porta potties within City limits. Councilman Johnson asked if there is a lot of risk in taking the two porta potties in town. Mr. Biasi said he wouldn't think so because it is very minimal. Councilman Johnson asked if that would help.

Mr. Jet said it is a matter of economics. If an organization chooses to do a land application, they are going to look for the least expensive land. Land is much less expensive in the Parowan Valley than it is in the Cedar Valley. By doing this, Parowan is going to end up attracting and making it more lucrative for people to bring their waste from Cedar City if a land application is built here. Councilman Johnson asked what we are doing now that is stopping that land application. Mr. Jet said it is a matter of economics. It is not economical for them to do that land application at this point because the cost of dumping is not substantial enough. But if Parowan makes the cost of dumping substantial enough they will. Councilman Johnson said he doesn't think Parowan should be subsidizing the County's waste. Parowan should take care of Parowan's waste. Mr. Jet said he concurs with that opinion.

Mr. Jet said he doesn't condone subsidizing outside of Parowan's waste. Cedar City does not subsidize outside of Cedar's waste. He said Cedar City is an enterprise fund and they charge a premium. They charge five cents/gallon. The way they are set up, they can measure the gallons. Councilman Johnson asked if they have a lot of these small personalized sewer ponds cropping up outside of Cedar City. Mr. Jet said no because the cost of dumping is competitive or less than the up-front cost to build a land application and go through the process. Once they have done that, the up- front cost diminishes quite fast once you allow people to start dumping there. That is what you want to avoid – is giving anybody the opportunity or the reason or the justification to create a land application by the upfront cost of doing this.

Councilman Johnson said he is still struggling with this cost. He said we're driving two or three miles to our facility to dump, or seven or ten miles to their facility to dump. He asked if that cost of those seven extra miles is enough to force a land application. Mr. Jet said that Cedar has said they are offering their services as a courtesy to the valley and to the area around Cedar City. They want Parowan to offer the same courtesy, because they also do not want to see a land application. They don't want to see one here. Councilman Johnson said he isn't requesting that the waste come from Parowan, he is saying that those that are in the area outside of Cedar in the county area should go to Cedar. Mr. Jet said that those do go to Cedar City right now. He isn't suggesting they come to Parowan.

Mr. Jet said he doesn't believe Parowan should subsidize waste outside of the Parowan area. He feels there should be a higher rate via the manifest that these guys keep. He doesn't believe there should be a set price for 500 gallons or 4,000 gallons. He believes the fees should be on a sliding scale. He said Mr. Scott and he spoke of this in depth, and he appreciated his time very much. Mr. Jet said this is not an issue that is going to go away. He is not making threats, just observations.

Mr. Scott said with all that Mr. Jet said, it doesn't take away his concern that this is going to damage our lagoons. Councilman Orton said he did like what Mr. Biasi said with the small amount that Parowan would see if we kept the waste from Parowan porta potties it would possible not affect our lagoons at all. Mr. Biasi said we are talking a very small amount versus upwards of 2,000 gallons a week. He said the thing is he doesn't know what it will do to the lagoons. All of the training he has had says you do not want to take this kind of waste. We don't the facilities to test it, to control it, or to monitor it. Essentially, Parowan is not set up to take this kind of waste.

Councilman Johnson said we begin as a first step to permit porta potties in Parowan, then they would have to be permitted in order to dump in our lagoons. That helps us to understand how many are getting dumped and we can evaluate if we are having problems. It also prohibits those from out in the valley because they are not permitted through Parowan City. He asked Mr. Biasi if he thought this would begin to get us going in the right direction. Mr. Biasi said he thinks so. He said it is unfortunate that we can't handle the outside waste, but we are a small facility.

Mr. Jet spoke up from the audience and said he thinks this will be the worst mistake they will ever make if they pass an ordinance like that. He said a truck will not come to Parowan just to pump a couple of porta potties. Councilman Adams said he has two porta potties on his property every summer for family reunions and they come and pump those. He feels they will come and pump these porta potties in town. Mr. Jet disagreed and said it isn't economical for them to do so. He suggested that Parowan remove the ordinance requiring porta potties on construction sites. He assured the Council this will become an issue out in this valley and once it happens, Parowan won't be able to stop it.

Mayor Landes said first of all they are going to have to deal with OSHA if they don't have a porta potty on a building site. Mr. Biasi said that the porta potties are rented from the companies that pump them, so they will come and service/maintain the porta potties that are rented from them. Mr. Biasi said as far as the land application system, if it becomes an issue, they are

governed by State rules. If the facility that is land applying is causing an issue with neighbors, they are governed by State rules and could be shut down if they aren't doing what you they are supposed to. Mr. Jet told Mr. Biasi he was incorrect, saying the State can't come or won't come shut them down if they are following Utah law. It has happened around the State, especially in rural communities. He said the law provides for it and they can't modify the law once they allow the land application and permit it. It is written into the state statute. Once they give you the permit and you are following the laws, they can't yank the permit from you.

Councilman Johnson said he is still struggling seeing the downside to this if we discourage a local Parowan company from doing this, maybe there is a company from Cedar City that provides porta potties here and they pump porta potties from Enoch, Summit, Parowan, Paragonah, back to Enoch and then disposes of it in Cedar. He doesn't see a downside. Councilman Adams said that is what they do. Mr. Jet said you are pushing the integrity issue on to that company. He said if it is an honorable company, they would not do that. He said he can assure the Council that the amount of waste that is being pulled out of the solar fields right now, they don't need to be hauling from Cedar also. They are completely separate runs. He said these are the Councils decisions and he advised them to be aware of living with the consequences of their decisions. He said this issue does not fall within the IBC or the UBC code. This is a Cedar City ordinance and he believes it would be a Parowan ordinance requiring a porta potty on a construction site.

Councilman Thayer asked Mr. Jet what he would suggest as a solution to Parowan's situation if he were sitting in his position. Mr. Jet said he wouldn't want to be sitting in his position and have to make the decisions that the Council has to make, but he thinks there is a lesser of two evils. He thinks the sewer treatment plant could be a revenue generator for the City. The sewer treatment plant is already there, so he said it should be utilized and maximized. He would do everything he could do to avoid a land application being placed in his community.

Councilman Johnson asked Mr. Biasi if capacity was a concern on our sewer ponds. Mr. Biasi said no. Mr. Jet said this organization and ten more like it could dump 10 times a day out there and not reach capacity when you have the evaporative, especially for 6 months out of the year. He said the waste in the winter diminishes substantially. It's the summer months when it is hotter is when it goes up.

Mr. Biasi said when the solar farm is done being built, this isn't even going to be an issue. Mr. Jet said he does not believe it will be an issue, however Parowan will still have to deal with the out of area septic tanks. Mr. Biasi said we do take septic waste that is within our area – Brian Head, Paragonah, and Iron County. Councilman Adams said it is the porta potties that are the issue. Mr. Biasi said it is porta potties versus septic. Mr. Jet said he assumes as this valley starts to develop this issue may rise again. Mr. Biasi said he can understand that, but as an operator, he said they are just not set up to handle this kind of waste. Mr. Jet said he can understand this and it is an unfortunate situation. Mr. Biasi said if he was able to take it, he would gladly take it. Mr. Jet said it is going to be taken and it's going to potentially cause ground water issues with the reception of it. But he believes this will cause a perception issue with this valley. He stated again that these are not threats, they are just purely observations.

Councilman Houston asked Mr. Biasi if there is testing that can be done prior to dumping that we could require to have done before we accepted it. Mr. Biasi said he didn't know. He said there is probably something that can be done, but the question is how fast is that test. Mr. Jet said it would be impossible to store that much waste in that period of time. Mr. Biasi said Parowan doesn't have any place to store it. Cedar City does. They can hold it, run the test, and if it is good, they can send it into their stream line. Part of the stigma of Parowan City is we are already minus the hosing.

Councilman Johnson said he thinks a good first step would be to talk to Cedar City from the City. He said there has been a lot of hearsay on what they will say, but from the City, realizing that the solar farms are going in and it may be a temporary problem. He would like to talk to them and get their vantage point from them. Councilman Houston said he agrees, but Mr. Biasi is our professional at our lagoons and knows what they can handle or not handle. He said the Council needs to take his recommendation highly. Councilman Johnson said he agrees one hundred percent with Councilman Houston. He wants to see if Cedar will enter into an agreement and pull off their writing that says they won't accept it from Parowan.

Councilman Adams asked if Cedar is taking the waste from the solar farm right now. Mr. Scott said he doesn't think they are. The Council members asked where it is going. Mr. Jet said it is going here to Parowan's lagoons and it has caused no problems. Mayor Landes asked how it is getting into our lagoons. Mr. Biasi said something about only taking one truck from Mr. Jet's company. (It was very difficult to hear what Mr. Biasi said on the recording.) Mr. Jet said he can assure the Council that many porta potties from this valley have been dumped in Parowan's lagoons in the last 10 years. Councilman Houston said they have been dumped illegally. Mr. Jet said he isn't talking about just one company. He said there are 5 or 6 companies that service the market.

Councilman Johnson said if Cedar is telling people in the valley to dump in Parowan, do we get an agreement with the City in writing to us saying that they can handle that kind of waste. Mr. Scott says he can see where Councilman Johnson is where he is going with this, but at the same time is there any thought that this isn't even in the City. This is an Iron County issue. Councilman Johnson said the first step is to have those conversations, then to begin at looking at a permitting process he discussed earlier within Parowan. He said with two porta potties, that is a different issue. Councilman Houston asked how we know where the waste is coming from. Mr. Biasi said we have to take their word on the manifest that shows where the waste is coming from.

Attorney Wayment said when push comes to shove, these companies are going to pump a few porta potties and then pump a septic tank, and the manifest will show that they pumped a septic tank. Mr. Scott said he thinks this is what they already do.

Mr. Scott said that he is thinking that Iron County permitted this amazing solar farm and if a land application occurred it would be somewhere in Iron County, and yet this is somehow Parowan's problem. He is struggling with this. Mr. Johnson said he is struggling with the fact that Cedar says they will only take waste from certain areas, but Parowan shouldn't do that. Mr. Jet said Parowan has said that. They have said where they will take waste from. Mr. Jet reiterated that

he is not here to be adversarial, but he thinks the City is missing out on a big opportunity to utilize our facilities.

Councilman Johnson said that we don't have the man power or the facilities to run this like Cedar City. Mr. Jet said this is why you have the fees. He isn't suggesting this be subsidized by the City. He is suggesting we charge the appropriate costs necessary to provide the service required. He said it is already open for the septic. Mr. Johnson said that the economy of scale that Mr. Jet spoke of earlier also applies to the City. We don't have the loads coming in to get set up to do the waste water treatment like Cedar City does.

Mr. Scott asked the Council how they want to address the fees. The fees are currently \$75 per truck. The staff has proposed a \$150 dollar fee, with \$300 after 4:00 p.m. and on weekends, and \$300 outside of Parowan and Brian Head. Mr. Scott asked if they want to do anything with porta potties, or wait until there is a discussion with Cedar City, because that could make the issue null and void. Councilman Johnson said they should talk with Cedar. Mr. Scott asked if they want to do anything based on truck size. This was mentioned in a previous meeting. Mr. Biasi said if the truck is over 3,000 gallons they should charge a higher amount. Mr. Scott asked about \$100 more. Mr. Biasi said that would be fine.

Mr. Scott suggested that the City meet with the County Commissioners about the solar plant and ask them to talk with Cedar City. They are the ones who have created this situation. The Council agreed this was a good idea.

The Council agreed that the porta potty fees should be higher than the septic fees.

**WELL ORDINANCE AMENDED – WATER BOARD RECOMMENDATION:** Mr. Scott said this was not discussed at the Water Board meeting. This item will be put back on the work agenda for the next meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT & DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Bob Whitelaw said he hiked the Valentine Peak trail on Monday. He saw Councilman Houston's and Councilman Adams' names in the book. He said it was a great hike. It was very rugged. Mr. Whitelaw expressed his frustration with the swimming pool always closing because of chemical problems. He suggested a notice be put on the website when the pool is closed. He also suggested a crosswalk be put at the stop sign at 200 South between the Maverik and the Chevron.

Mrs. Dottie Stade said the culvert at 600 West is full of rocks and mud. It needs to be cleaned.

# **MEMBER REPORTS:**

Councilman Houston reported that the Ride the Gap even was a big success. They had over 170 riders. It was a great event and was well run. The participants love Parowan.

Councilman Adams got a call from Jim and Deb Johnson from Cedar regarding justserve.org. They are trying to get this going in Utah. There is a meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> at the airport.

Councilman Johnson reported that the Economic Development committee met. He said there are a lot of good things going on in Parowan. The movies in the morning at the theater are really successful. There were 68 kids at the last one. Mr. Johnson said these are the type of things that will help bring families to Parowan. He asked if the drive-in movies are on our web page. Mrs. Jet Smith shared the summer recreation activities going on this year that will have an impact on our economy. Councilman Johnson said that Mr. Scott and Mrs. Smith have initiated a Facebook campaign about Parowan that will go out to Vegas and Colorado and areas around Parowan. There will be feedback and data on who is viewing this campaign.

Councilman Orton reported that the drive-in movie fund raiser for PAAL is this Friday and Saturday. They are still looking for volunteers. The Theater Board is searching for options for the fall/winter production. He said there are some maintenance issues at the theater that need to be taken care of. He also reported that Mr. Vern Fridley is no longer the City forester.

Councilman Thayer reported that the Water Board met last night. They discussed the struggle to keep pressure in system. They discussed alternating odd and even streets to make the pressure more evenly distributed. They also discussed the Water Budget. They also discussed the \$25 dollar disconnect/connect fee that the City is charging to those who are continuously turning their services on and off.

Mr. Scott reported that the President of SUU is coming to Parowan to meet with the Mayor and Council on the 18<sup>th</sup>. There is also an issue with a staff recommended change order to Center Creek. There are some scada separations. It will be about \$8,000. Mr. Scott said he can make an executive decision and go with it.

**ADJOURNMENT**: Councilman Houston moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Thayer seconded the motion. All Council members voting in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Donald G. Landes, Mayor

Callie Bassett, City Recorder